

## House Resolution 1075

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Taylor of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Baker of the 78<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Canton Jones; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Canton Jones is an accomplished musician, businessman, and community  
3 leader who has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

4 WHEREAS, a native of Deerfield Beach, Florida, Mr. Jones demonstrated his musical skills  
5 at an early age, singing with a local quartet at the age of five and producing songs for himself  
6 and others at the age of 16; and

7 WHEREAS, upon his graduation from high school, Mr. Jones attended Morehouse College,  
8 where he earned a spot with the university's highly acclaimed glee club, allowing him to  
9 participate in such prestigious musical events as the opening ceremonies of the 1996 Olympic  
10 Games and the first gospel concert held at the United States Pentagon; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has performed throughout the world and for such notable celebrities  
12 as Oprah Winfrey, Stevie Wonder, Billy Taylor, Dr. Bobby Jones, Fred Hammond, Kurt Carr,  
13 and the late Ray Charles; and

14 WHEREAS, his first independent album, *20 Yrs. 3 Mths. & 12 Days*, chronicles his path to  
15 God's salvation and his critically acclaimed debut national album, *The Password*, earned him  
16 two Grammy nominations in 2005; and

17 WHEREAS, with a message of faith and hope, Mr. Jones's music demonstrates his passion,  
18 lyrical skills, and drive to change the face of hip-hop music; and

19 WHEREAS, he takes the message of God to people of all ages through his lyrics about  
20 peaceful conflict resolution and promoting the real determination of a life worth lived, one  
21 focused on family, faith, and love; and

22 WHEREAS, this amazing young artist finds time to uplift his community with his work with  
23 charitable organizations such as Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless, the Kingdom, the  
24 Cajo Empowerment Tour, and the Keep it Clean Music Program; and

25 WHEREAS, through his work with the Cajo Empowerment Tour, Mr. Jones has toured  
26 several metropolitan Atlanta area schools providing empowerment, motivation, and  
27 inspiration through entertainment; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones's work with the Kingdom began in June, 2008, and provides weekly  
29 community outreach with music entertainment, youth activities, and instruction on life skills;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, he participates in a weekly mentoring program at North Clayton Middle School  
32 in College Park and is active with the annual turkey give-away program and Thanksgiving  
33 concert at the Virginia Gray Recreation Center in Riverdale; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is united in love and marriage to his wife, Ramona, and they have  
35 been blessed with two remarkable children, Love and Dominion; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
37 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
39 the members of this body commend Mr. Canton Jones for his brilliant musical career and  
40 extend their most sincere best wishes to him for continued health, happiness, and success.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Canton Jones.